Terrorist bases along LoC in J & K

1633. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether latest reports reveal that Pakistani ISI has reviewed terrorist bases along the Line of Control in J & K and the International Border (IB) which had been closed down in the after-math of the 9/11 attacks in US; and 16000 terrorists had been deployed to infilrate into India from these camps; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Available reports indicate that some of the terrorist training camps in Pak/POK, which were closed down after September 11 attacks in US, have been reactivated. Most of the make shift training camps located in Paknear LoC/IB opposite J&K, are used as launching/base camps for operations in our side. Reports also indicate that a significant number of terrorists of various outfits are present at these launching pads in Pak/POK awaiting infiltration of short notice.

(b) A number of steps for checking infiltration continue to be undertaken. These, *inter-alia,* include multi-tiered counter infiltration deployment along Line of Control/International Border, surveillance of all known infiltration routes, construction of fencing along selected stretches of International Border and Line of Control, deployment of electronic surveillance devices etc.

As per the report of the State Government of J and K during the current year till November 30,50 infiltration bids were foilded by security forces near LoC/IB killing 172 terrorists, out of whom, 140 were foreign mercenaries.

Support of UN agencies to tackle flood situation in Orissa

1634. SHRI B. d. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether UN agencies have offered support to Orissa State to tackle flood situation;

(b) if so, the help rendered by UNDP, World Food Programme (WFP), WHO and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to the State in the individual fields; and

(c) how far this has helped the State in rehabilitation and restoration work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned to undertake rescue and response measures in the event of natural disasters out of the ' corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), to which the Government of India contributes 75%. Additional assistance is also extended in the event of a calamity of severe nature from National Calamity Contigency Fund (NCCF) after following the established procedure. The State of Orissa has an allocation of Rs. 126.72 crore in the CRF for the year 2003-04, consisting of Rs. 95.04 crore as Central Government's contribution. The entire Central contribution has been released.

In additional to CRF, an amount of Rs. 104.53 crore has been released to the Government of Orissa from NCCF for floods of 2003. Besides, 3.00 lakh MTs of rice have been approved for employment generation programme under SGRY. Armed Forces were deployed for assisting the State machinery in the flood affected areas.

UN agencies also provided assistance to the Government of Orissa for relief operations in the flood affected areas during 2003. UNDP had provided 18000 temporary shelter materials and distributed 2000 family survival kits. WHO had supplied 25000 ORS packet. UNICEF had supplied 15 million halogen tablets, 250 MT bleaching powder, 4.5 million sachets of oral dehydration salts, 50000 bottles of intravenous fluids, 10 MT of Calcium Hypochlorite, 20000 jerrycans for water storage, 10 million chloroquine tablets and 150000 bottles of Chloroquine syrup and 7000 tarpaulin sheets for temporary shelters.

Study on effect of windmills on rainfall

1635. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study into recent reports of windmills affecting rainfall has been made; and